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SUMMARY. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTERNOON OCT 17 VOTED TO INSCRIBE

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PRO-SIHANOUK ITEM BY VOTE OF 68-24(US)-29 AND ALLOCATED

ITEM TO PLENARY. NO DATE SET FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANCE OF ITEM. END SUMMARY.

1. PLENARY OCT 17 TOOK UP GENERAL COMITE'S OCT 16 RECOMMENDATION FOR INSCRIPTION OF PRO-SIHANOUK ITEM ("RESTORATION OF LAWFUL RIGHTS OF GRUNK"). IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 23 OF GA PROCEDURES, SIX SPEAKERS (THREE FOR AND THREE AGAINST) SPOKE BEFORE VOTE: FOR: ALBANIA, ALGERIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA; AGAINST: KHMER REPUBLIC, INDONESIA, AND URUGUAY.

2. STATEMENTS (SUMMARIZED REFTEL B) CONSISTED MAINLY OF REITERATION OF ARGUMENTS IN PREVIOUS DAY'S GENERAL COMITE DISCUSSION (REFTELS). ALBANIA ADDED TO ITS CRITICISM OF US AND ALMOST EQUALLY STRONG BLAST AT SOVS WHO ALLEGEDLY "PLOTING AGAINST INTERESTS OF CAMBODIAN PEOPLE" AND "STILL MAN-EUVERING TO (HIDE) ITS REAL DESIGNS." GIAMBRUNO OF URUGUAY (SELECTED BY ASIANS TO REPRESENT NON-ASIAN AREA) PROTESTED, AS SMALL COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE, ITEM'S INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE ALSO NOTED IRONY OF MONARCHY BEING FORMED IN PEKING TO REPLACE KHMER REPUBLIC. AMB SANI OF INDONESIA MADE FORCEFUL PRESENTATION.

3. EIGHT COUNTRIES (2 ARA, 4 EUR, 2 AF) GAVE EXPLANATIONS AFTER VOTE. MOST MADE POINT THEIR DELS TRADITIONALLY FAVORED INSCRIPTION, BUT FOUND PHRASING OF ITEM OR ITS RESOLUTION PREJUDICIAL OR OTHERWISE DISTASTEFUL, AND EMPHASIZED THEIR VOTE ON INSCRIPTION SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS PREJUDGING VOTE ON SUBSTANCE. GHANAIA DEL (WHO ABSTAINED) EMPHASIZED THAT SITUATION IN CAMBODIA WAS UNSETTLED AND IF LEFT ALONE CAMBODIANS COULD SOLVE OWN PROBLEM. NIGERIA (ALSO AN ABSTENTION) SAID PROPOSED RESOLUTION DOES NOT NECESSARILY FACILITATE SOLUTION OF CAMBODIAN QUESTION.

4. EA COUNTRIES, WITH EXCEPTION CHINA, OPPOSED INSCRIPTION OR ABSTAINED (BURMA, AUSTRALIA).

5. NEA COUNTRIES GENERALLY FAVORED INSCRIPTION, WHILE GREECE VOTED AGAINST AND IRAN, NEPAL, TURKEY, CYPRUS AND BHUTAN ABSTAINED. (BOTH CYPRUS AND GREECE APPROACHED US JUST BEFORE VOTE TO CONFIRM WE WOULD VOTE AGAINST.) ISRAEL HAD DONE SO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EARLIER IN DAY.)

6. ALTHOUGH MOST AF'S PRESENT VOTED FOR INSCRIPTION, SEVERAL IMPORTANT COUNTRIES ABSTAINED (ETHIOPIA, GHANA, IVORY COAST, KENYA, LIBERIA, NIGERIA, AS WELL AS RWANDA AND SWAZILAND). ONLY SOUTH AFRICA VOTED AGAINST.

7. ARA VOTE WAS DIVIDED, WITH ECUADOR ABSTAINING, SEVEN

COUNTRIES VOTING FOR INSCRIPTION, NINE AGAINST, AND SIX NOT VOTING. VENEZUELA AND HONDURAS VOTED AGAINST, EXPLAINING PRIVATELY THEY HAD ABSTAINED IN GC VOTE BECAUSE THEY IN GC AS LA AND FOURTH COMITE REPS AND NOT REPRESENTING THEMSELVES ALONE.

8. EUROPEANS GENERALLY ABSTAINED, BUT MALTA AND NORDICS, EXCEPT DENMARK, VOTED FOR INSCRIPTION. CANADA ABSTAINED.

9. COMMENT: WE CONSULTED WITH KHMER AND OTHER ASIANS AS DEBATE UNDERWAY TO CONFIRM THEY AGREED WE SHOULD NOT SPEAK IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE. PLENARY VOTE, WHILE MARGIN FOR INSCRIPTION OBVIOUSLY VERY LARGE, WAS ABOUT WHAT WE AND ASIANS EXPECTED. KHMER AMBASSADOR VUTTHI TOLD MISOFF EVENING OCT 17 HE "NOT TOO DISAPPOINTED," PARTICULARLY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, FOR EXAMPLE, SWEDEN'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE, ATTITUDE OF EUROPEANS, BARBADOS NEGATIVE VOTE, ABSENCE OF HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND EL SALVADOR, SWITCH OF VENEZUELA AND HONDURAS FROM GC ABSTENTION AND ABSTENTIONS OF SOME MAJOR AFRICANS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DEFEATING VOTE ON SUBSTANCE CLEARLY WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND THEREFORE HE PREPARING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON IMPORTANT QUESTION. WE CONFIRMED TO HIM WE ALSO STUDYING THIS ASPECT AND LOOKED FORWARD TO CONSULTING FURTHER WITH HIM AND ASIAN SUPPORTERS, IN LIGHT OF PLENARY VOTE, AND ON TACTICS FOR NEXT STAGE.

10. WE WILL BE CONSULTING OCT 18 WITH OTHER GKR SUPPORTERS AND APPROPRIATE SECRETARIAT PERSONAL ON TIMING OF SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE.
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